(b) The CBI had submitted before the Apex Court on 23.1.2006 that Court Case No. 2/2002 against Quattrocchi is subjudice before CMM, Delhi and the CBI would take suitable action in the case in accordance with law. The CBI would also seek further avenues for extradition of Quattrocchi who is an accused in the case and a Red Corner Notice is pending against him.

(c) The freezing order was temporary. The CBI was required to link the funds available in the frozen accounts of Quattrocchi in London with the proceeds of the crime received by Quattrocchi from M/s A.B. Bofors. Despite all possible efforts, the CBI had not found any evidence connecting the frozen accounts with the criminal case pending against Quattrocchi. Under these circumstances, the Crown Prosecution Service had applied to the U.K. Court for the discharge of the restraint order relating to Quattrocchi's funds as the restraint order leading to the freezing of London Accounts was temporary as mentioned earlier.

In view of the facts mentioned above, the question of taking action against any official of CBI does not arise.

Labour Intensive Industries

† 1073. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are making any effort to do away with unemployment by promoting labour based industries in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which Government are doing this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) The new programme and policy initiatives of Government that will promote faster growth of labour intensive activities, include:

(i) National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

(ii) National Horticulture Mission

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(iii) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

(iv) National Urban Renewal Mission and

(v) Bharat Nirman

Sector-wise details are given in the Mid-Term Appraisal of Tenth Five Year Plan, a copy of which is placed in the Parliament Library.

People living below poverty line

1074. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a recent report it has been revealed that 260 million Indians are still below poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps proposed to be taken up by Government in view of these findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the recent report brought out by the Council for Social Development, published by Oxford University Press, namely. 'India Social Development Report', it has been stated that 260 million Indians are still below poverty line according to 1999-2000 data (page no. 2, Table No. 1.1 of the Report). It may be mentioned that this figure is taken from the official poverty estimates brought out by the Planning Commission on the basis of NSS 55th round of large scale sample survey on household consumer expenditure, which was conducted during the year 1999-2000. The state-wise details of incident of poverty by official methodology of Planning Commission is given in Statement-I. (See below)

(c) The Government has adopted a three pronged strategy for reducing poverty (i) acceleration of economic growth with a focus on sectors which are employment intensive; (ii) human and social development through provision of basic minimum services; and (iii) targeted anti poverty programmes.

The details of the Schemes/programmes made and being